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COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD

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## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

The following Supplemental Amendment and Remarks are submitted pursuant to a telephone conference between Randolph J. Huis of this office and Examiner S. Joseph Morano on December 16, 1999 in which the following changes were agreed upon to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

## In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. wice Amended) The magnetically actuated coupler assembly of claim [1] 6 wherein the coupler knuckle contains a slot, an edge of which interacts with [one of the stops of] at least one stop on the coupler head to limit the capability of the coupler knuckle to open.

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magnetically-actuated coupler assembly for a model railroad car

comprising.

a drawbar capable of being pivotally mounted within a coupler pocket of a model railroad car, the drawbar including a first end having a leaf spring formed as an integral part

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